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SUMMARY

1. ON COMPLETION OF THEIR VISIT TO MACEDONIA AND CROATIA NOVEMBER 15, A HELSINKI COMMISSION DELEGATION COMPRISED OF SEN. DENNIS DECONCINI AND REP. FRANK MCCLOSKEY ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING FOR: IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION OF MACEDONIA; INCLUSION OF MACEDONIA IN
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CSCE, THE UN, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; MORE INTENSIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN SKOPJE AND ATHENS; AND AN INTER-ETHNIC MACEDONIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THEY URGED EUROPE AND THE U.S. TO ASSUME THEIR SHARE OF THE BOSNIAN REFUGEE BURDEN. THEY CALLED FOR "MORE DIRECT INTERVENTION, INCLUDING MILITARY INTERVENTION, IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES," TERMING IT A "POLITICAL NECESSITY AND MORAL OBLIGATION." AND THEY URGED THE IMMEDIATE ARREST OF RADOVAN KARADJIC AND HIS ASSOCIATES AS A START TOWARD BRINGING TO JUSTICE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR CRIMES AND GENOCIDE. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF STATEMENT:

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

STATEMENT OF THE HELSINKI COMMISSION DELEGATION TO
MACEDONIA AND CROATIA

ZAGREB, NOVEMBER 15, 1992 - ON NOVEMBER 13-14, 1992, A DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE -- THE HELSINKI COMMISSION-- VISITED THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, AND ON NOVEMBER 15, THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA. THIS DELEGATION WAS LED BY SENATOR DENNIS DECONCINI (DEMOCRAT - ARIZONA) AND INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVE FRANK MCCLOSKEY (DEMOCRAT-INDIANA). AT THE END OF THEIR VISIT, SENATOR DECONCINI AND REPRESENTATIVE MCCLOSKEY MADE
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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THIS DELEGATION OF THE HELSINKI COMMISSION CAME TO MACEDONIA DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE PROSPECTS FOR THIS

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COUNTRY, A CONCERN THE UNITED STATES SHARES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE CSCE. DURING THE COURSE OF OUR SHORT VISIT, WE MET WITH THE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF MACEDONIA, OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALBANIAN COMMUNITY AND OTHERS. THE DELEGATION ALSO VISITED A CAMP FOR REFUGEES, FLEEING THE HORRIBLE CONFLICT AND ETHNIC CLEANSING IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. WE DISCUSSED ISSUES RELATED TO MACEDONIA WITH THE

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GREEK DEPUTY MINISTER, IN THESSALONIKI, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND AFTER THE VISIT. WE ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH U.S. DIPLOMATS IN MACEDONIA, AS WELL AS THE HEAD OF THE CSCE SPILLOVER MISSION THERE.

"WE LEFT MACEDONIA CONVINCED THAT INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THAT COUNTRY WOULD BE THE RIGHT THING

TO DO, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ALSO MORE FORCEFULLY PRESS FOR MACEDONIAN INCLUSION IN THE CSCE, THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE WILL RECOMMEND THIS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT UPON OUR RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

"WE BELIEVE THAT MACEDONIA DESERVES THE RECOGNITION IT HAS REQUESTED FOR SEVERAL REASONS. FIRST, IT WOULD HELP UNLOCK THE ECONOMIC STRANGLEHOLD ITS INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION HAS PLACED ON MACEDONIA. WE WERE DEEPLY DISTURBED, AS WE SAW MACEDONIA'S FIRST SNOW OF THE WINTER, BY THE INCREDIBLE SHORTAGE OF FUEL FOR HEATING, TRANSPORTATION AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. SECOND, RECOGNITION SEEMS TO BE A NECESSARY FIRST STEP FOR THE COUNTRY TO MOVE FORWARD IN BUILDING DEMOCRACY AND A MARKET-BASED ECONOMY. THIRD, IT WOULD DISCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF THE YUGOSLAV CONFLICT INTO MACEDONIA THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND RESPECT WHICH RECOGNITION IMPLIES, AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL STABILIZATION IT WOULD PROMOTE. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT MACEDONIA IS

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PREPARED TO PLAY A RESPONSIBLE ROLE INTERNATIONALLY,
AND WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS
DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

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"THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT TO SAY THAT WE DO NOT HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING MACEDONIA. INDEED, SOME ASPECTS OF MACEDONIAN SOCIETY HAVE SUCCUMBED TO THE DANGEROUS, EXTREME NATIONALISM THAT IS UNFORTUNATELY ALL TOO COMMON IN THE REGION. THIS NATIONALISM ENCOURAGES DIVISION AND TENSION WITHIN THE COUNTRY'S SMALL BUT DIVERSE POPULATION. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HEARD REPORTS THAT THE RIGHTS OF THOSE BELONGING TO MACEDONIA'S LARGE ETHNIC ALBANIAN POPULATION ARE FREQUENTLY

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 VIOLATED, AND THAT THEY ARE GIVEN ONLY A NOMINAL ROLE IN THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MAKING THEM FEEL EXCLUDED FROM DECISIONS AFFECTING THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE. SIMILARLY, THIS NATIONALISM ENCOURAGES AN INACCURATE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE THAT WRONGLY AND NEEDLESSLY PLAYS ON THE SENSITIVITIES OF MACEDONIA'S NEIGHBORS, ESPECIALLY GREECE. THE NEW MACEDONIAN FLAG IS BUT ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE MOST MACEDONIANS HAVE FALLEN PREY TO THIS VIRULENT NATIONALISM, BUT GREATER EFFORTS MUST BE TAKEN TO COUNTER THIS TREND IN A DEMOCRATIC WAY AND TO MAKE ALL THOSE LIVING IN MACEDONIA FEEL THAT THEY ARE CITIZENS WITH EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES. ALL LOSE IF MACEDONIA'S ETHNIC GROUPS CHOOSE TO FIGHT NATIONALISM WITH NATIONALISM. EVEN DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, REASON MUST BE ALLOWED TO PREVAIL.

"MOREOVER, GREECE IS A CLOSE FRIEND AND ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES, WITH A LEGITIMATE AND UNDERSTANDABLE CONCERN FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGION, A POINT WE EMPHASIZED IN OUR TALKS WITH GREEK OFFICIALS. WE ENCOURAGE A MORE DIRECT AND INTENSIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN SKOPJE AND ATHENS, INCLUDING THROUGH CHANNELS OFFERED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THAT WILL HOPEFULLY LEAD TO A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. BOTH SIDES NEED TO TALK AND COMPROMISE.

"THE INCLUSION OF MACEDONIA IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, AND THE ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT OF MACEDONIA IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT COULD IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN MACEDONIA SUBSTANTIALLY. WE

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 STRONGLY SUPPORT U.S. PROGRAMS IN MACEDONIA DESIGNED TO PROMOTE FREE MEDIA, PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, THE RULE OF LAW AND CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN THE AFFAIRS OF THEIR COUNTRY AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES. IN THE MEANTIME, WE

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ENCOURAGE MACEDONIA'S POLITICAL LEADERS TO FORM A
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS AND HAVE
THE INDEPENDENCE AND AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE REPORTED
HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN AN EFFECTIVE WAY.

"WE ALSO URGE THAT MUCH GREATER ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO
THE WORSENING REFUGEE SITUATION IN MACEDONIA. THE
CAMP WHICH WE VISITED, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS CROWDED, AND
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WITHOUT HEAT OR ELECTRICITY. HAVING ARRIVED DURING
SUMMER MONTHS, THESE REFUGEES ALSO NEED PROPER CLOTHES
AND FOOTWEAR TO GET THEM THROUGH THE WINTER.

"OUR VISIT TO CROATIA ON NOVEMBER 15 GAVE US A
FIRST-HAND VIEW OF THE SITUATION FOR REFUGEES AND
DISPLACED PERSONS THERE. IN THE CITY OF KARLOVAC, WE
MET WITH FORMER INTERNEES AT SERBIAN CONCENTRATION
CAMPS IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA WHO REPORTED THE MOST
HORRIBLE ATROCITIES, INCLUDING THE TORTURE AND RANDOM
KILLING OF PRISONERS. THESE PEOPLE, HOWEVER,
EXPRESSED MORE CONCERN FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND THAN THEY
DID FOR THEIR OWN FUTURES AS REFUGEES. WE ALSO HAD AN
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF CROATIA AND
OTHER SENIOR CROATIAN OFFICIALS, WITH WHOM WE
DISCUSSED THE CONFLICT IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, THE
RESULTING REFUGEE CRISIS, THE STATUS OF THE UN
PROTECTED AREAS IN CROATIA, AND DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS,
INCLUDING THE OPERATION OF A FREE MEDIA. OUR
DELEGATION WAS ALSO PLEASED TO BE HERE AT THE OPENING
OF THE U.S. ARMY'S 212TH MOBILE ARMY SURGICAL HOSPITAL
(MASH) UNIT AT PLESO AIRPORT IN ZAGREB, WHICH WILL BE
USED BY THE UNPROFOR.

"WE APPLAUD THOSE AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO WILL OPERATE
THE MASH HOSPITAL, AND PRAISE AS WELL THE MANY FOREIGN
CIVILIANS WE MET IN CROATIA WHO ARE WORKING TO ASSIST
THE REFUGEES, A TRULY OVERWHELMING TASK. THE REFUGEES
TOLD US THAT INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION, ESPECIALLY BY
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS, HAD BEEN

INSTRUMENTAL IN THEIR RELEASE, AND THAT THE UN HIGH
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COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES HAD GREATLY FACILITATED THEIR
TRANSIT IN CROATIA.

"WE COMMEND THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR

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HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS TO ACCOMMODATE THE REFUGEES
FLEEING BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA BY THE THOUSANDS. WE
RECOGNIZE THE STRAIN THIS PLACES ON THE CROATIAN
GOVERNMENT AND FEEL STRONGLY THAT OTHER EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES MUST ASSUME THEIR
SHARE OF THE REFUGEE BURDEN.

"IN THE END, INSTABILITY WILL REMAIN IN THE BALKANS AS

LONG AS SERBIAN AGGRESSION IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA AND
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REPRESSION IN KOSOVO GO UNCHECKED AND THOSE
RESPONSIBLE FOR ATROCITIES GO UNPUNISHED. IN LIGHT OF
WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN MACEDONIA AND CROATIA, UPON OUR
RETURN TO WASHINGTON, WE WILL CONTINUE WITH NEW VIGOR
OUR EFFORTS IN THE CONGRESS TO ENCOURAGE AN END TO
THESE TRAGIC DEVELOPMENTS AND TO EASE THE PLIGHT OF
THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED
PERSONS LEFT IN THEIR WAKE.

"WE VIEW MORE DIRECT INTERVENTION, INCLUDING MILITARY
INTERVENTION, IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA BY THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES,
TO BE A POLITICAL NECESSITY AND MORAL OBLIGATION. WE
HAVE ALREADY PRESSED FOR GREATER ACTION, INCLUDING THE
LIMITED USE OF FORCE IF NECESSARY, TO BRING THIS WAR
TO AN END, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UPON OUR
RETURN. WE WILL ALSO PRESS FOR REAL ACTION TO BRING
THOSE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR CRIMES AND
GENOCIDE TO JUSTICE THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL
TRIBUNAL. THEIR ACTIONS CANNOT GO UNPUNISHED. AS A
START, WE CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE ARREST OF THE BOSNIAN
SERB LEADER RADOVAN KARADJIC AND HIS ASSOCIATES. WE
MUST FINALLY ADDRESS THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM IN
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA THAT COULD SPREAD WAR THROUGHOUT
THE REGION - UNCHECKED SERBIAN AGGRESSION - IN THE
MOST DIRECT WAY."
END TEXT OF STATEMENT.

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